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SUBJECT: CONDEMNING TERRORISM IN IRAQ: FURTHER TURKISH
RESPONSE

REF: A. STATE 166182

[1](#)B. ANKARA 4340

[1](#)C. JEDDAH 2060

[1](#)D. JEDDAH 2033

[1](#)1. (SBU) PolMilOff followed up on ref a demarche Aug. 6 with MFA Iraq Department Chief Mehmet Kemal Bozay, who called our attention to the OIC Secretary General's Aug. 2 statement condemning the recent church bombings in Iraq (ref c). Bozay had made it clear in our initial discussion on this issue (ref b), that he saw merit in the OIC issuing statements condemning terrorism in Iraq.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Comment: The Turkish government, or at least its MFA apparatus which deals with Iraq, is seized with the recent murder and kidnapping of Turkish workers in Iraq. The GOT is directly feeling the effects of this kind of terrorism and will continue to condemn it. End comment.

[1](#)3. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.
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